



City of Gaithersburg  
W. Edward Bohrer, Jr. Memorial  
**CHARACTER COUNTS!**  
**Scholarship**

The mission of the City of Gaithersburg CHARACTER COUNTS! Scholarship is to support high school seniors who reside in the City and who embody the Six Pillars of

Character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.

Applicants must be a high school senior who will be pursuing post-secondary education or a training program at a college or trade school and who would benefit from financial assistance.

### **History**

Former Mayor Ed Bohrer was enthusiastic about CHARACTER COUNTS! Representing the City, he joined staff in advocating for the program and sharing Gaithersburg experiences with other communities in Maryland. In tribute to his commitment to character education, the W. Edward Bohrer, Jr. memorial CHARACTER COUNTS! Scholarship Program was established in 1998 with the support of his family.

### **Requirements**

City Residency—Please check your address here:

<https://maps.gaithersburgmd.gov/addressParcellInfo/>

- Personal merit and embodiment of the *Six Pillars of Character* listed above
- Commitment to further education
- Commitment to service to family and community
- G.P.A. of 2.0 or above
- Financial need

### **Application Guidelines**

Please submit one (1) original and four (4) copies of the completed application form, answer sheet and resume. Your resume must include volunteer and/or work experience for the past two (2) years. **All submissions must be typed.**

Please include:

- Proof of income (examples of documentation: Most recent tax return and/or W-2s, copy of FAFSA, unemployment or disability statements, paystubs)
- Two recommendations from people who are NOT related to you, mailed or delivered **in sealed envelopes** to:

Community Services Division, City of Gaithersburg, ATTN: CC! Scholarship, 31 Summit Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877:

- One MUST be from a person employed at your school and must provide documentation of your G.P.A.
- One MUST be from a supervisor at your job, a coach or advisor from an extracurricular activity, or an advisor from a student service learning site.

### **Award Procedures**

- The Selection Committee will review and score applications, interview the top applicants, and then make a final determination of awards.
- Checks will be made payable to the college/institution directly, on evidence of school registration.

### **Timeline**

**May 10, 2019**

**Applications due by 4 p.m.**

Deliver to:

Community Services Division, City of Gaithersburg,  
1 Wells Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Or

Mail to:

Community Services Division, City of Gaithersburg,  
ATTN: CC! Scholarship  
31 S. Summit Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**June/July 2019**

Applications reviewed, finalists interviewed, and selected.

Award reception with scholarship sponsors and City officials and recognition at Mayor and City Council meeting (Date TBD).

### **CHARACTER COUNTS! Agreement**

Winners of the scholarships who are involved in illegal, unethical or immoral activities between time of announcement and time of presentation, or any other activities deemed to be detrimental to the CHARACTER COUNTS! philosophy, may forfeit the scholarship.



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**2019 Application Form**



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Best Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**On a separate sheet of paper, please TYPE your answers to the following questions using 500 words or fewer:**

- 1. Please tell us more about the volunteer, community service learning, or work experiences listed on your resume. Which was the most meaningful to you and why? (10 points)**
- 2. To what colleges and/or trade schools have you applied and what do you plan to study? How will you use what you have learned to impact your community (based on the six pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS!) after you have graduated from college and/or trade school? (15 points)**
- 3. Who is the most important role model in your life that has helped you develop the six pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS!? (15 points)**
- 4. Please list all financial awards that you have received.**

**Please note: References count for 10 points.**

**By my signature, I verify that all of the information in this application is accurate and is honestly stated.**

**Signature of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_